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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a consumer in Oakland, CA who has long utilized a variety of telecom services, I have found that a competitive broadband environment provides the best range of prices and services for businesses and consumers. I use Sonic.net for my home internet and telephony needs. This is a competitive service that provides better value at a lower cost than AT&T or Comcast. It is one of the few ways I can support a local business that embodies American values of ingenuity and entrepreneurship. The current communication laws that provide access for companies like Sonic.net to infrastructure like telephone lines and central offices is critical to maintaining this competitive environment.

As I live in an area of Oakland that is far from a Central Office, I am limited to DSL or an expensive cable option for broadband service. Fiber is not currently available, although Sonic.net is bringing fiber to areas of Oakland while AT&T and Comcast are not. Preserving competitive markets will allow Sonic to continue this work and force AT&T and Comcast to broaden their offerings and lower costs for all.

Thank you for your time.

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